

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF THE)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)	
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	CASE NO.
AND NOW COMMUNICATIONS, INC., PURSUANT)	2000-089
TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)	

O R D E R

On February 25, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") petitioned for arbitration of certain issues regarding its contract with NOW Communications, Inc. ("NOW"). At issue were the appropriate rates for access to and use of the electronic and manual interfaces to BellSouth's operations support systems. After the Commission scheduled a hearing regarding BellSouth's petition and NOW's responses thereto, NOW requested an informal conference which was held on May 31, 2000. Each of the unresolved issues was discussed at length in the informal conference. It was agreed that NOW would review additional documentation and that the parties would continue to negotiate. The hearing was continued generally.

On August 7, 2000, BellSouth filed a motion to withdraw its petition for arbitration. According to BellSouth, on August 2, 2000 the parties executed a new resale agreement resolving the issues that were the subject of this arbitration. The Commission will review the resale agreement, which was voluntarily executed between the parties.

Having considered the motion and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that the motion to withdraw the petition for arbitration is granted and this proceeding is concluded.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of August, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director